

### REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 5-7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19-21, 23, 25, 27 and 28. Editorial changes have been made to claims 1, 3-7, 9 and 15-28. No new matter has been added.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

A courtesy copy of the present specification is enclosed herewith. However, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Dwight N. Holmbo (Reg. No. 36,410), at (612) 455.3826.

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